

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2005

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Arab American & Chaldean Youth Center, Detroit, Michigan 48203.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Arthur Blackwell, II **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Megan Norris
Willie Hampton

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella Bully-Cummings
DC. Brenda Goss-Andrews
DC. Chester Logan
AC. Gary Christian
Insp. Linda White
Lt. Cleophus McDodald
Sgt. Carcy
Sgt. Romel Alexander
P.O. Kent Cooper
P.O. Michael Woody
P.O. Macy
P.O. Brown
P.O. Jennings
P.O. Robin Hill
P.O. Alvin
P.O. Reginald Crawford

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv. **(ABS)**
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator
Victoria Scott-Miller, Senior Ivestigator

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Ms. Walters
Allan Levy
Isa Hasan

Kathy Stott
Khal Hanna
Frank Hostile
Bernice Smith
Sandra Hines

RECORDERS

John Schikora
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Comm. Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, June 30, 2005**

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

- **Thursday, July 7, 2005**

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chairperson Ramirez stated that she would like to thank Isa Hasan (Director of Arab American & Chaldean Youth Center) for hosting today's Community Meeting.

Comm. Norris read the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Police Commissioners.

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS**

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	37	784
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	30	834

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **65** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **12** cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **16** cases to OCI.

5. **REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE**

DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**



BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AND CONSPIRACY UNITS

During the period of July 4th – July 10th, the Narcotics Enforcement and Conspiracy Units conducted 13 search warrants and 23 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- ◆ 15 Felony arrests
- ◆ 56 Misdemeanor arrests
- ◆ 255.1 Grams of cocaine, 373.8 grams of heroin, 104,559.6 grams of marijuana - street value \$1,193,118.00
- ◆ \$4,942.00 U.S. currency

Confiscated:

- ◆ 13 Hand guns
- ◆ 1 Vehicle

THE HOMICIDE SECTION

On July 7th, officers from the Homicide Section responded to the 6100 block of Grandview as officers from the 6th Precinct were flagged down by a citizen who indicated that her husband just killed her boyfriend. Further investigation revealed that an argument developed between the man and woman. The argument then turned physical and as a result, the boyfriend produced a handgun. The husband then got into his vehicle and drove towards the woman and the boyfriend striking them both and killing the boyfriend. As a result of this investigation the husband was arrested without incident for "Murder First Degree", "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder" and "Motor Vehicle Advisory."

THE VIOLENT CRIMES TASK FORCE

On July 5th, The Violent Crimes Task Force received information as to the location of a man wanted for fatally shooting one man and critically stabbing a woman. The anonymous caller also stated that the wanted man was attempting to flee to South Carolina. Armed with this information, the Violent Crimes Task Force set up fixed and roving surveillance in the area of Eight Mile and Dean. As a result of their efforts the man was observed driving through the neighborhood and subsequently was arrested without incident.

Police/Community Intervention

TAKING THE GUNS OFF THE STREET !



**Total Guns Confiscated
Year-To-Date
2,154**

SECOND PRECINCT

On July 6th, officers of the 2nd Precinct responded to the 13000 block of Compass on a "Person with a Weapon" run. An investigation revealed that a man was walking through the neighborhood with a handgun firing shots at passing vehicles. The officers immediately conveyed a description of the wanted man. **As a result of their quick response one (1) man was arrested for "Felonious Assault."** Through further investigation and with written consent to search the man's residence, officers confiscated one (1) handgun, one (1) long gun, one (1) bullet proof vest and one (1) large freezer bag containing marijuana.

FIFTH PRECINCT

On July 7th, officers of the 5th Precinct responded to the area of Mack and Alter on a "Robbery/Armed – Citizen" run. An investigation revealed that while the man was attempting to pay for his gas a second man pulled up in a vehicle, pointed a handgun and demanded his money. Officers continued to monitor the area and observed the wanted man in the same vehicle at Wayburn and Warren. **Subsequent to an investigation, the man was arrested without incident for "Robbery/Armed-Citizen."** Confiscated was one (1) handgun and \$292.00 in cash.

EIGHTH PRECINCT

On July 5th, officers of the 8th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Evergreen and Seven Mile Rd, observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed. The officers activated their overhead lights and initiated a traffic stop. **As a result of an investigation two (2) men were arrested for Carrying Concealed Weapon – Person."** Confiscated was one (1) handgun.

NINTH PRECINCT

On July 9th, officers of the 9th Precinct, while on patrol in the area of Troester and Queen, observed a man driving a vehicle matching the description of one wanted in connection with several shootings in the area. **Subsequent to an investigation one (1) man was arrested without incident for "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder."**

TENTH PRECINCT

On July 5th, officers of the 10th Precinct responded to the 3700 block of Glynn on a "Stabbing/Cutting" run. **Subsequent to an investigation one (1) woman was arrested for "Felonious Assault."** Confiscated was one (1) kitchen knife.

TWELFTH PRECINCT

On July 10th, officers of the Twelfth Precinct, while investigating the critical shooting of a man in the 16000 block of Turner, received information on a man who was also responsible for a second shooting in the area of Turner and Puritan. As a result of an investigation, one (1) man was arrested for "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder", "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm", "Felonious Assault", "Felon in Possession" and "Habitual Third Offense."

Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings

6. PRESENTATION – ELEVENTH PRENCINCT

Insp. White gave the following presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chairperson Ramirez asked who is your president of the Community Relation Council?

Insp. White stated it is Ms. Theresa Hall.

Chairperson Ramirez asked is she here?

Insp. White stated she is not, her mother is ill.

Chairperson Ramirez stated thank you.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that Vice-Chair Rev. Jim Holley has joined us.

Chairperson Ramirez stated to Vice-Chair Holley we will swear you in next week.

7. RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HONORING

MR. JEFFERY CARTER

- WHEREAS** Mr. Jeffery Carter has been a resident in the city of Detroit for more than 20 years; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Carter serves as the President of the Carrie Street Block Club, and actively participates in community and block club events; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Carter dedicates countless hours working with the Eleventh Precinct Weed and Seed Program, the Eleventh Precinct Businesses United With Officers and Youth (B.U.O.Y.) Organization; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Carter assists with Eleventh Precinct Community Relations initiatives, and is instrumental in coordinating activities and projects; and
- WHEREAS** Mr. Carter, in addition to all the aforementioned activities, finds time to volunteer for Angel's Night, National Night Out, Motor City Makeover and back to school rallies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

- RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous spirit of Mr. Carter. His unselfishness and dedication to improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Jeffery Carter.

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II
Chairperson

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Megan P. Norris
Commissioner

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
JULY 14, 2005**

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

Chairperson Ramirez asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution honoring Jeffrey Carter.

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to adopt the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

8. RESENTATION-MAYOR'S OFFICE

Kathy Stott / Isa Hasan gave the following presentation:

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Comm. Holley stated that he was under the impression, that it was announced a year or so ago the community was getting a big hit with some money. In terms of making it Arab American Town like Greektown Downtown.

Isa Hasan stated thanks for asking the question. I really did not want to take up too much of your time, because I was told we had two minutes to speak. Since you bring it up, let me tell you what's going on. When ACC built its Youth Center, I am sure Mexican Town, Grandmont, Rosedale would do the same thing when the time comes. When we built this Youth Center, it took us two and a half years. With the financial conditions that were going on, Ford Corporation, the city, the county and the state, we could not find enough funding. We took out a two and a quarter million dollar loan to build the Youth Center. That shows our organization's commitment for and to this community, so that our youths, our kids deserve better than what they have been getting. As for the sizeable grant, we received a total grant of seven hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars from MDOT, Sweepscape. That was matched by a twenty percent match from Wayne County. In fact, at our meeting with the Mayor we were told that the City was in no condition to provide the local match. So, thank god Wayne County came through. We are currently finalizing designs with the engineering studies. We hope by the end of the summer to submit a Bid Proposal to MDOT for the Sweepscape. We are taking a Sweepscape project that would include decorating, lighting, improving sidewalks, park benches and what have you. We could not pour concrete from John R to Woodward because of the low figures. So we have to take it from John R to Carmen as the first step. Once that project is done, we go back to our original commitment application to take it from Carmen to Woodward. We anticipated by October of 2006 the first phase will be completed. In the mean time, a part of the grant we have received from Wayne County, which left us about a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, that does not even pay for the architectural engineering studies. ACC has

donated the property across the street next door to our Headquarters. We have two sizeable buildings in which we are waiting for city permits for demolition. We will erect the community parks right on the spot. There's no outdoor recreation space for the kids to play. We are making that available.

Comm. Holley stated whenever I come to these meetings, we talk about the community, the businesses and the restaurants but I don't hear anything about the church. You got a forty million dollar church going up. It seems to me that it would be in someone's interest to collaborate with the forty million dollar project. I don't see why in the world that they would want to build a forty million dollar church next to a hundred thousand dollar development. Is there any effort to collaborate, because in the first psalm, I hear about churches and faith-based is part of the Triad.

Isa Hasan stated your point is well taken. Let me assure you that Pastor Winans, we have met with him several times, is now officially on our Task Force; our President is on his Board. There is complete collaboration and consultation. Believe me, we are rooting for him as he is for us.

Comm. Norris stated I don't know who told you that you only had two minutes. She asked your building security, was that done through Lt. Hubbard and Community Services?

Isa Hasan stated Hubbard and the Police.

Alan Levy stated that what we are looking are several layers of partnerships. For example, what we are looking at besides Districts, are getting residents, businesses, churches and schools all working together to meet our life as scripted. We think in addition to having all those, we need to have the police there to work along side the youth and the merchants so we can make things happen. They are doing a variety of things; it's not just Sweepscape, the merchants are organizing. It's also business assistance and business recruitment. Things like taking care of problems with the police and solving problems before they happened. One of the things we haven't talked much about is all the work they are doing with youths. If you think you have a great impact on projects in this area is because the kids have other things to do here in this building. The statistic that I mention is part of our sense of where we want to be accountable. Each District accounts to me how much investment happens, how much activity have they done. They have to put together a work plan stating what they will be doing in a year. One of the things we are looking at is how are we going to make the place cleaner and safer. How much of a relation do you have with your local Precinct? One of the ways we do this is to look for real world change. The statistics that we are talking about, that the Chief was kind enough to allocate resources toward, is helping us to develop those real world changes. Because of Isa Hasan and Kathy Stott the other ones can talk about having

the number of meetings or what kind of impact they are having over time. So, what we want to do is work with you all to employ the kind of things that will have that kind of impact like the meetings, Commission Police Through Environmental Design, like working with police precinct and recovering force unit and to reduce crime over time.

Chairperson Ramirez stated thank you and we will be working with you.

10. REQUEST TO ACCEPT GRANT AUTHORITY

The National Institute of Justice, a component of the Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice, is offering a grant opportunity to law enforcement agencies.

The grant is designed to improve the infrastructure and analysis capacity of existing state and local crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis so they can process DNA samples efficiently and cost-effectively. These improvements are critical to preventing future DNA backlogs and to help the criminal justice system realize the full potential of DNA technology. The Detroit Police Department's Forensic Services Section is requesting to accept the grant award of **\$335,414**, for Fiscal Year 2005, **with no cash match.**

MOTION: **Comm. Norris** made the motion to approve the above Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Comm. Hampton, has a recommendation from the Personnel Committee in the matter of the appeal of disqualified applicant Jesse Agle. The Personnel Committee has considered the above referenced matter and we make a recommendation to deny the appeal and we invite Mr. Agle to reapply with the Department in December of 2005.

MOTION: **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to accept the recommendation.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Hampton stated he wanted to commend the Chief and the Police Department for a terrific and outstanding job during the All-Star game. It was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for this city. Detroit is an All-Star City, an All-Star Community, we have an All-Star Chief and we have an All-Star Mayor.

Comm. Holley stated that makes an All-Star Police Commission.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 21, 2005 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters, Room 328-A
1300 Beaubien
Detroit, MI 48226

13. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

P.O. Crawford stated that he came before the Commissioners and asked for a status report from the Office of the Chief Investigator and he received it. It was a very brief report pertaining to Asst. Chief Walter Martin. There was another incident with a high ranking official who has not been disciplined. He stated there must be different policies and procedures for these officials. He stated that he is tired of the preferential treatment that they are receiving.

Comm. Holley stated to Reggie that he likes him and he understands where he is coming from, but we need to move past this and to move forward.

Let's tackle the real enemy that is out in the streets and the real problems we are faced with. If I am out of order, I apologize, Madam Chair.

P.O. Crawford stated to Comm. Holley that there can't be any closure until we get some justice.

Chairperson Ramirez stated to P.O. Crawford that we have received your complaint and it has been investigated. The Commissioners will have it soon.

Sandra Hines stated we want to fight for the rights of the people. We have to continue to talk about the bad things in the Department. We want something to be done to the high ranking officials for misconduct.

G.A. Walters stated she want to acknowledge the two young men who helped her find the Center. She thanked Mr. Hanna for welcoming her to the Center and the Director for keeping his vision alive, to continue to teach the youth in the early stages of their lives.

Bernice Smith stated that she told Robert Dunlap to join the police force years ago. So, if there is anything to be said about him, she will say it. He is a good and passionate man who got tricked by a woman. There are women out there that are waiting to get our men in trouble. She wanted the men to be careful of women slipping their phone numbers to them.

Frank Hostile stated he wanted to acknowledge the police officers for allowing the cab drivers to pick up fares during the All-Star Game and hopes they will be allowed to do the same for the Super Bowl.

Ron Scott stated he had an incident in front of his business. The police were making the homeless people leave the area. The problem he had with this, is that the police seemed like they were protecting the people attending the All-Star game and not the citizens of Detroit. He stated it seems more like a black and white issue to him.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated we have a responsibility to cover more than one day out of the year. In all fairness, we provided the same protection for the fireworks.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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